



The Quality Chicken People

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ADAA Minor Use/Minor Species
Report CVM 97132
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: CVM Report 97132

Dear Sir or Madam:

The issues surrounding the availability of drugs for minor species and minor uses are many and varies depending on the species of animals involved. These comments are specifically concerning poultry.

The first issue is:

Can chicken and turkey breeder pullets be classified as minor species? My thinking is that they can because: These birds are relatively few in number compared to market birds. Sixty million breeder pullets started annually compared to eight billion broilers marketed per year. Breeder pullets are birds from 0 to 25 weeks of age. This is the period prior to egg production. Egg production lasts 40 weeks so these pullets eventually go to market at 65 weeks of age which would in essence be a 40 week withdrawal period.

The second issue is:

Certain diseases of poultry are without effective treatments namely Histomoniasis (Blackhead). Canada has a drug available that is effective. Can an agreement be worked out to use their data and drugs to treat this disease? (See attached info on drugs)

This disease is increasing in incidence and a drug is needed to prevent disease and animal suffering.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If further help is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

G. Thomas Holder, DVM
Director of Avian Health

CC: Dr. Bert Mitchell

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Dimetridazole Soluble

dimetridazole 40% soluble powder

DIN # 00682225

FOR DRINKING WATER MEDICATION

INDICATIONS

As an aid in the treatment of swine dysentery.
As an aid in the treatment of blackhead in turkeys.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Drinking water is medicated as follows:
Pigs - 14 g to 45 litres for 5-7 days.
Turkeys - 56 g to 45 litres for 6 days.

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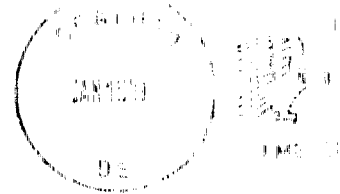
1. Treated animals and birds must not be slaughtered for use in food for at least 5 days after the latest treatment with this drug.
2. Eggs from treated birds must not be used for food.

CAUTIONS

1. Store in a dry place.
2. Do not use in automatic medicators.
3. Read attached directions carefully before use.



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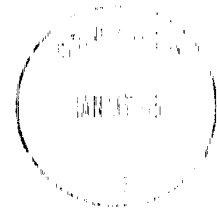


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